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Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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I trust that this statement is responsive to your inquiry and I would, of course, be glad to confer with you on this subject at any time.

Sincerely,

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June 13, 1966

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The Honorable William F. Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

In view of discussions which have taken place during the past several weeks, it has been suggested that I raise with you again the question as to the reaction of the Central Intelligence Agency to the creation by the Foreign Relations Committee of a Subcommittee charged with responsibility for the operations of your Agency in the field of foreign policy. You will recall in this connection that when you appeared before the Committee on Foreign Relations in February, you responded to certain questions by stating that you were unable to answer them but that you would answer those questions if they were put to you by the Subcommittees of either the Senate Armed Services or Appropriations Committees.

What I wish to know now is whether a Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, created for the purpose of keeping itself informed of the activities of the CIA in fields related to the foreign policy of the United States, would be able to receive without restriction information on the same basis as that now supplied to the Subcommittees referred to above.

It would be helpful if I could have this information by the end of this week as I contemplate reporting the resolution, a copy of which is enclosed, early next week. That resolution, as you know, was ordered favorably reported on May 17 by a vote of 14 to 5.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

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28 April 1966

The Honorable J. W. Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Fulbright:

Thank you for your letter of 31 March in which you asked certain questions about the recent Foreign Affairs article by Mr. George Carver. I can well understand your interest in this matter. The questions you raise are clearly important ones and we have given careful consideration to them.

You ask if Mr. Carver were encouraged by the Agency to write this article. Mr. Carver was not encouraged by the Agency to write it but rather had been approached by the editor of Foreign Affairs, for which publication Mr. Carver had written a previous article. It is true that Mr. Carver used information available to him by reason of his employment, but the Agency did review the article prior to publication to determine that it contained no classified information.

It has been the practice for employees of this Agency occasionally to write articles without identifying their affiliation with the Agency. I believe that you raise an interesting point as to whether Agency affiliation should be stated. I would certainly like to have your views on this question.

Additionally, there are other points raised by your letter which I very much would like to discuss with you, receiving your views and furnishing you our thoughts. I believe that an exchange of views could be most helpful to us. I shall be pleased to meet with you at whatever time is convenient.

Sincerely,

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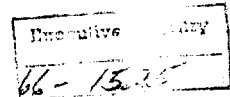
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

March 31, 1966



The Honorable William F. Raborn
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I have seen press reports to the effect that George A. Carver, Jr., the author of a recent article in Foreign Affairs on the Vietcong, is an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency. There was no indication of that fact in the magazine and it would be logical for the reader to assume, therefore, that Mr. Carver was writing for himself and not for the Administration.


This raises questions in my mind as to the role of Agency employees in engaging in activities designed to influence foreign policy attitudes in the United States. For example, was Mr. Carver encouraged by the Agency to write this article? Did Mr. Carver use information available to him only by reason of his employment? Did the Agency approve the article? Would the Agency have approved the article if it had been critical of Administration policy? Would Mr. Carver have been free to write a critical article for publication? Why was Mr. Carver's official connection with the Government not made public?

How many other Agency employees have written articles in their field of interest for publication in the

United States without attribution? How is this kind of activity related to the role of the Agency as an information gathering institution?

I would appreciate very much having your comments on these questions and a statement of Agency policy on this matter.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

Enclosures